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1. HEARING ON PROPOSED NEW REFUGEE LEGISLATION (UNCLASSIFIED)

CONGRESSMAN EILBERG HELD HEARINGS ON HIS BILL TO REVISE
U.S. REFUGEE POLICY TODAY. HA ASSISTANT SECRETARY PATT
DERIAN LED OFF FOR THE DEPARTMENT AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT
SECRETARY OAKLEY AND HAL MEINHEIT OF EA/TIMBS WERE PRESENT

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FOR EA. ON THE BASIS OF INCOMPLETE REPORTS, THE MEETING
WAS FRIENDLY AND PATT, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY CARLIN
AND SHEP LOWMAN OF HA/ORM DID A FIRST CLASS JOB OF
FIELDING DIFFICULT QUESTIONS ON CHANGES WE WOULD LIKE TO
SEE MADE IN THE BILL. A NUMBER OF MATTERS WERE LEFT
UNCOMPLETED AND WE UNDERSTAND EILBERG WILL EITHER SCHEDULE
ANOTHER HEARING OR SEND QUESTIONS OVER IN WRITTEN FORM.

2. NEW REFUGEE PAROLE REQUEST (CONFIDENTIAL)

WE RECEIVED THE TEXT OF AN NSC MEMO DESCRIBING THE PRESIDENT'S DECISIONS ON REFUGEES LATE LAST WEEK. THE SECRETARY SUBSEQUENTLY SENT A LETTER TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL NOTING THAT THE PAROLE FOR 7,000 INDOCHINESE BOAT REFUGEES ESTABLISHED IN JANUARY IS MOVING AHEAD RAPIDLY BUT THAT OUR PROGRAM AND THOSE OF OTHER COUNTRIES CANNOT KEEP PACE WITH NEW ARRIVALS. THEREFORE, THE SECRETARY RECOMMENDED THAT JUDGE BELL AUTHORIZE PAROLE OF 12,500 ADDITIONAL INDOCHINESE DURING THE REMAINDER OF FY 1978 AND CONTINUATION OF PAROLE THEREAFTER AT AN ANNUAL RATE OF 25,000. THE LETTER POINTS OUT THAT THE USE OF THE PAROLE HAS PRESIDENT CARTER'S ENDORSEMENT PENDING CHANGES IN THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT THAT WOULD ENABLE THE U.S. TO ADMIT LARGER NUMBERS OF REFUGEES THAN IS NOW POSSIBLE UNDER CONDITIONAL ENTRY.

3. THE SSOD (SECRET)

THE SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT (MAY 23-JUNE 24) MAY ATTRACT THE LARGEST AND HIGHEST-RANKING DELEGATIONS OF ANY DISARMAMENT MEETING TO DATE, AND ITS POSSIBLE THAT BOTH PRESIDENT CARTER AND BREZHNEV MAY ATTEND, ACCORDING TO IO.

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WE HAVE CONTINUED OUR WORK ON SOME OF THE PAPERS RELATING TO THE SESSION. THE PAPER ON NEGATIVE SECURITY ASSURANCES HAS BEEN IMPROVED, BUT WORK IS STILL CONTINUING ON IT. WE HAVE ALSO DEALT WITH A PAPER ON NUCLEAR ACCIDENTS ON WHICH WE HAVE MADE A NUMBER OF COMMENTS RELATING TO CHINA'S POSITION AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH PRCM. IN THE MEANTIME, IN NEW YORK THE NON-ALIGNED HAVE NOW INTRODUCED LANGUAGE INTO THE PREPCOM FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION CALLING FOR THE DISMANTLING OF MILITARY BASES.

4. UNSSOD AND AFL-CIO RELATIONS WITH JAPANESE LABOR FEDERATIONS (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

AS WE NOTED IN LAST WEEK'S STATUS REPORT, THE VERY LARGE JAPANESE DELEGATION TO THE UNSSOD WILL INCLUDE SENIOR REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL FOUR JAPANESE LABOR FEDERATIONS, ALL OF WHOM WISH A MEETING WITH AFL-CIO PRESIDENT MEANY. IT HAS NOW BEEN AGREED THAT PRESIDENT MEANY ON MAY 31 OR JUNE 1 WILL RECEIVE A DELEGATION COMPOSED OF LEADERS OF THE FEDERATIONS' REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DELEGATION. THE GROUP ALSO WISHES TO CALL ON ACDA DIRECTOR WARNKE, VARIOUS

CONGRESSMEN AND PERHAPS ALSO VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE.

THE PLANNED MEETING WITH MEANY IS ALSO CLOSELY BOUND UP WITH SOHYO'S EFFORT TO EFFECT A RAPPROCHEMENT WITH THE AFL-CIO AFTER THE DECADE AND A HALF OF BAD FEELING WHICH HAS EXISTED BETWEEN THE TWO FEDERATIONS. SOHYO HAS BEEN PRESSING TO HAVE THE AFL-CIO SEND A DELEGATION TO ITS NATIONAL CONVENTION IN JULY. TO FACILITATE SUCH ATTENDANCE SOHYO PRESIDENT MAKIEDA HAD ANNOUNCED THAT IT WOULD NOT INVITE TO ITS CONVENTION LABOR REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE USSR, FROM THE COMMUNIST-DOMINATED LABOR FEDERATIONS IN FRANCE AND ITALY, AND WOULD OTHERWISE LIMIT ITS INVITATIONAL LIST TO TRADE UNION REPRESENTATIVES PRESUMED TO BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE AFL-CIO. WHEN THE UNSSOD DELEGATION

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IS IN WASHINGTON PRESIDENT MEANY INTENDS TO DISCUSS WITH SOHYO SECRETARY GENERAL TOMIZUKA AN INGENIOUS AFL-CIO RESPONSE TO THE SOHYO INVITATION. THIS IS A PROPOSAL TO HOLD A CONFERENCE BETWEEN THE AFL-CIO AND SOHYO IN WASHINGTON THIS FALL AS A WAY TO DEEPEN THE RELATIONSHIP. IN CONJUNCTION WITH IT HE HAS AGREED TO SEND A "REPRESENTATIVE" TO THE SOHYO CONVENTION, PROVIDED SOHYO ACCEPTS HIS PROPOSAL FOR A WASHINGTON CONFERENCE AND PROVIDED THAT OTHER INVITEES TO THE SOHYO CONVENTION "WILL BE FROM NATIONAL TRADE UNION CENTERS WITH WHOM WE WOULD BE ENTIRELY COMFORTABLE." PRESIDENT MEANY'S PROPOSAL, AND A LETTER OF EXPLANATION TO DOMEI PRESIDENT AMAIKE, WERE EMBODIED IN TWO LETTERS TO SOHYO PRESIDENT MAKIEDA AND ONE TO PRESIDENT AMAIKE WHICH WE HAD BEEN ASKED TO HAVE CONVEYED URGENTLY TO BOTH PRESIDENTS SO AS TO AVOID ANY SUSPICION ON THE PART OF DOMEI THAT ITS CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE AFL-CIO IS BEING WEAKENED. SINCE DOMEI SECRETARY GENERAL MAEKAWA (WHO IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE SSOD DELEGATION) WILL PROBABLY FLY TO WASHINGTON TO JOIN THE LABOR DELEGATION CALLING ON PRESIDENT MEANY, THERE ALSO WILL BE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE AFL-CIO TO HAVE AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH DOMEI AND TO EMPHASIZE THE CLOSE AFL-CIO/DOMEI RELATIONSHIP.

5. ASIA FOUNDATION BOARD MEETING (UNCLASSIFIED)

THE ASIA FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES MET ON APRIL 10 IN WASHINGTON AND HAD A NUMBER OF PERIPHERAL MEETINGS WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS OF CONGRESS (ALTHOUGH THE FOUNDATION RECEIVES AN INCREASING LEVEL OF PRIVATE DONATIONS, USG GRANTS REMAIN THE PRINCIPAL SOURCE OF FUNDS). BOARD MEMBERS WERE ALSO RECEIVED AT THE WHITE HOUSE INCLUDING A MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT.

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6. DEADLINE OF THE WEEK - HUMAN RIGHTS

WE RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM EB/IFD/ODF LATE FRIDAY MORNING (4/7) REPORTING THAT THE IBRD HAD SUDDENTLY SCHEDULED CONSIDERATION OF A \$28 MILLION RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE LOAN TO THE PHILIPPINES FOR THIS COMING TUESDAY. SINCE THERE WAS INSUFFICIENT TIME TO SCHEDULE EITHER A WORKING GROUP OR CHRISTOPHER COMMITTEE MEETING, EB TOOK A POLL BY TELEPHONE. TREASURY AND EB SUPPORTED THE LOAN BECAUSE IT SEEMED TO MEET BASIC HUMAN NEEDS AND WE ADDED EA'S VOTE TO THEIRS. FORTUNATELY, HA/HR ALSO ACCEPTED THE BHN ARGUMENT AND, THEREFORE, TREASURY WAS INFORMED THAT THERE WERE NO OBJECTIONS TO A POSITIVE VOTE FROM A HUMAN RIGHTS STANDPOINT. A WORKING GROUP MEETING THIS COMING FRIDAY (4/14) WILL REVIEW ADB, IBRD, IFC, AND AID LOANS TO THE PHILIPPINES, INDONESIA, THAILAND AND MALAYSIA.

7. A MORE NEUTRAL NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT (CONFIDENTIAL)

USUN HAS RECEIVED A COPY OF THE NAM BUREAU'S REPORT TO THE KABUL MEETING ON NAM'S ACTIVITIES SINCE LAST APRIL. THE MISSION FINDS IT A STRAIGHT FORWARD COMPENDIUM, NOTABLY FREE OF DIVISIVE VIEWS OR RHETORIC. ACCORDING TO A MEMBER OF THE YUGOSLAV MISSION, THE REPORT'S MILDNESS REFLECTED A STRONG PUSH BY THE MODERATES TO KEEP THE LID ON AT THE PRELIMINARY KABUL MEETING AND THE LATER FULL NAM CONFERENCE AT BELGRADE. ACCORDING TO THIS SOURCE A CENTRAL GOAL OF THE MODERATES IS TO FREE THE CUBANS, WHO ARE SCHEDULED TO HOST THE NAM SUMMIT NEXT YEAR, TO ACCEPT THE IDEA OF OPERATING ON BEHALF OF A NAM CONSENSUS.

MEANWHILE, THE ROK REMAINS CONCERNED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT PYONGYANG MAY FORCE DISCUSSIONS OF KOREA AT KABUL WHETHER OR NOT IT APPEARS ON THE AGENDA (IT DOES NOT NOW). SEOUL ALSO BELIEVES THAT THERE IS TENTATIVE AGREEMENT TO
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INCLUDE KOREA ON THE AGENDA AT BELGRADE. THE ROK WIL' BE INFORMING SOME 35 MODERATE NAM MEMBER; OF THE ROK ,REFERENCE THAT THERE BE NO DISCUSSIONS OF KOREA AT THE NAM CONFERENCE. IF, HOWEVER, A RESOLUTION OR A PASSAGE IN THE COMMUNIQUE ON KOREA IS INTRODUCED, THE ROK WILL URGE THAT WRITTEN RESERVATIONS BE ENTERED. CHRISTOPHER

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